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Title: LONG RUNNING TRANSACTION INTEGRATION WITH SELECTIVE  
DEHYDRATION AND SELECTIVE COMPENSATION

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**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION DATED AUGUST 12, 2003**

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Dear Sir:

Favorable reconsideration of the above-identified patent application is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and comments below.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee (\$110.00) for a one-month extension of time in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.117 (a) (1) to Deposit Account No. 50-1063 [MSFTP105USA].